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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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IN RE LOWER MANHATTAN DISASTER SITE
LITIGATION
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FREDDY CONFORME.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

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Plaintiffs,

-against-

160 WATER ST., INC., 160 WATER STREET ASSOCIATES, 60 HUDSON OWNER LLC, ALAN KASMAN DBA KASCO, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION, BATTERY PARK CITY AUTHORITY, BLACKMON-MOORING-STEAMATIC CATASTOPHE. INC. D/B/A BMS CAT, BROOKFIELD FINANCIAL PROPERTIES, INC., BROOKFIELD FINANCIAL PROPERTIES, LP, BROOKFIELD PARTNERS, LP. **BROOKFIELD PROPERTIES CORPORATION,** BROOKFIELD PROPERTIES HOLDINGS INC., ENVIROTECH CLEAN AIR, INC., G.L.O. MANAGEMENT, INC., GPS ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, INC., HILLMAN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, LLC., INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY, INC., KASCO RESTORATION SERVICES CO., MERRILL LYNCH & CO, INC., NOMURA HOLDING AMERICA, INC., NOMURA SECURITIES INTERNATIONAL, INC., STRUCTURE TONE (UK), INC., STRUCTURE TONE GLOBAL SERVICES, INC., TOSCORP INC., VERIZON NEW YORK, INC., WESTON SOLUTIONS, INC., WFP TOWER B CO. G.P. CORP., WFP TOWER B HOLDING CO., LP, AND WFP TOWER B. CO., L.P. ET AL.,

> Defendants. -----X

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that defendant, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION as and for its responses to the allegations set forth in the Complaint by Adoption (Check-Off Complaint) related to the Master Complaint filed in the above-referenced action, hereby adopts ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION's Answer to the Master Complaint dated August 8, 2007, which was filed in the matter of *In Re World Trade Center Lower Manhattan Disaster Site Litigation*, 21 MC 102 (AKH).

To the extent that ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION's Answer to the Master Complaint does not comprehensively address any of the specific allegations within the Check-Off Complaint in the above-captioned matter, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such specific allegations.

WHEREFORE, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION demands judgment dismissing the above-captioned action as against it, together with its costs and disbursements.

Dated: New York, New York December 7, 2007

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